

## THE LEGISLATURE AT WORK.

### A NEW CITY CHARTER PROPOSED.

**MORE POWER TO BE GIVEN THE MAYOR IN APPOINTMENTS AND REMOVALS.**  
[FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.]  
ALBANY, Jan. 9.—Senator Robb and Assemblyman Roosevelt desire that the Mayor of New-York shall be the actual head of the Government. They would give him the power to appoint the heads of the city departments without check from the Aldermen. With this object in their minds they today introduced a bill authorizing the Mayor of New-York to appoint the heads of departments as vacancies may occur, and depriving the Board of Aldermen of the right of confirmation. But the act is not to go into effect until January 1, 1885. Mayor Edson's term expires with the year. It will thus be apparent to voters in New-York, if the act becomes a law, that the man they elect Mayor next November will have this unlimited power of appointment.  
The bill gives the Mayor sole power to appoint the successors of all heads of departments, and all commissioners, including the Commissioners of Excise and all police justices and city marshals. He shall in like manner appoint all members of any board or commission; also the Commissioner of Juries, and two inspectors of weights and measures. Every head of department named, except as otherwise provided, shall hold his office for the term of six years. The terms of office of all such heads of departments and persons when actually appointed shall begin on May 1 in the year in which the terms of the Controller, Corporation Counsel and Commissioner of Public Works, or of the present incumbents, in December, 1884, shall hold their offices until four years from May 1, succeeding such month.  
The heads of all departments except the head of the Department of Street Cleaning may be removed by the Mayor for cause and after opportunity to be heard, subject, however, before such removal shall take effect, to the approval of the Governor, expressed in writing. The Mayor shall, in all cases, communicate to the Governor in writing his reasons for such removal. When a removal is so effected, the Mayor shall, upon demand of the officer removed, make in writing a public statement of the reasons therefor. No officer so removed shall be appointed to the same office during the same term of office.  
The head of the Department of Street Cleaning shall be subject to removal by the Mayor with the approval of the Board of Health, whenever the Mayor shall certify that in his judgment such removal is in the public interest. If after three ballots the Board of Health shall fail to approve such removal, two affirmative votes of members of the said board shall be sufficient for such approval.

## CONTRACT LABOR IN PRISONS.

### A COMMISSIONER TO INVESTIGATE THE SYSTEM ASKED FOR.

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ALBANY, Jan. 9.—Mr. Howe, of New-York, last summer visited Europe and while there made inquiry about the various systems of prison management. Returning to this country he extended his investigation here. All this work was done with the intention of making himself a competent authority to speak on the subject of contract labor in the prisons when it came to be considered by the Legislature. The result of his inquiry was the conviction that no wise decision could be made concerning contract labor system, until a thorough investigation had been made. It was, therefore, with much pleasure that, a few days ago, he received from the Prison Association a memorial asking for the appointment of a State Commission to make such an investigation.

The memorial and a bill accompanying it were presented to the Assembly this morning by Mr. Howe. The memorial is signed by Charlton T. Lewis, Theodore W. Dwight, Sinclair Tenney, Eugene Smith and William P. Prentice. It recites that in prosecuting their work for which the association was formed they have become profoundly impressed with the necessity of a comprehensive system of productive labor in all prisons; that they have found the present system of hiring out the labor of convicts under contracts to be defective and open to grave abuses; that there is a necessity for the introduction of an improved system of labor in the prisons; and that this improved system can only be obtained through careful investigation, made by men exceptionally qualified to examine the subject. The bill authorizes the Governor with the consent of the Senate to appoint a "Prison Labor Commission" of five persons, who are directed to examine into and report upon the practical operation of the present contract system.

The Commission is directed to report its conclusions and recommendations before March 1. This will give the Legislature abundant time to act upon the recommendations before adjournment. Mr. Howe states that he desires to take the subject out of the hands of the Legislature, and that in his opinion, is to obtain a report on the subject from an impartial commission of experts. The Legislature can then act intelligently and conscientiously. Mr. Howe's bill was undoubtedly passed by the Legislature, as the Republican majority are of the opinion that this is the best way of dealing with the contract labor system.

## THE DISPUTED NEW-HAVEN PULPIT.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]  
NEW HAVEN, Jan. 9.—The trial of H. H. Phillips, John T. Williams and John Norwome, the trustees of Bethel A. M. E. Church, who on Sunday, December 30, elected their newly appointed pastor, the Rev. John Stabury, from the church pulpit and building, has now occupied two days and does not appear to be near a conclusion. The story of the assault was repeated a dozen times on the stand, always with humorous enthusiasm by the different witnesses. The Rev. Mr. Stabury produced his certificate of appointment from Bishop Brown. He was subjected to a long, rigorous cross-examination. The object of the prosecution is to establish the fact that the trustees, by their action, acted in violation of the by-laws of the church, and that the trustees, by their action, acted in violation of the by-laws of the church, and that the trustees, by their action, acted in violation of the by-laws of the church.

## SUING FOR RIGHT OF DOWER.

PROVIDENCE, Jan. 9.—In the United States Circuit Court this afternoon a hearing was held in the bill in equity of Sarah B. Matheson, of Attleboro, Mass., against the Phoenix Iron Foundry, for the distribution of dower. The affidavit of the complainant was to the effect that she was married to Henry C. Matheson, late of Providence, on August 18, 1859, and lived with him till before his death, on November 8, 1878; that Mr. Matheson, on February 7, 1887, was possessed of real estate in Providence, now held and occupied by the Phoenix Iron Foundry, and that she was entitled to a share of the same. The answer to the bill, which was filed by the defendant, stated that the complainant, that she never lived together as man and wife, and hence, that she had no claim upon the property. The case was held for adjournment.

## A TROY WOMAN'S BENEVOLENCE.

TROY, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Mrs. Richard P. Hart, of this city, has given \$10,000 to the Young Men's Association to enable them to make their library free. The check was made on September 12, when the semi-annual of the organization of the institution occurs.

## TO SUCCEED GOVERNOR ROBINSON.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 9.—The Twelfth District Republicans at Chester to-day nominated Francis W. Rockwell, of Pittsfield, for Congress in place of Mr. Robinson, who resigned to accept the Governorship.

## SMALLPOX IN PENNSYLVANIA.

GRANDVILLE, Penn., Jan. 9.—Smallpox is rapidly spreading here, and there is much alarm. The schools are all closed. Neighboring towns will take precautionary measures.

## CRUSHED UNDER A FALLING ROOF.

CATAWISSA, Penn., Jan. 9.—William Mayers and Henry Gruebel were fatally injured last night at Catawissa. Both were asleep in a barn, when the weight of snow on the roof caused it to fall, crushing the men under it.

## THE LAST OF THE CHINESE TRADERS.

San Francisco, Jan. 9.—The steamship Tokio, which arrived yesterday, brought only twenty-one Chinese "traders." It is probable that the papers held by them are the last of the famous Canton traders certificates that will be received here.

## RAILROAD COLLISION ON A BRIDGE.

MACON, Ga., Jan. 9.—An engine and four cars

of a Central freight train from Savannah jumped the track at 5 o'clock this morning, after crossing a high bridge over the Ocmulgee River, at the outskirts of this city, leaving the rear of the train on the bridge. The 6:40 Georgia passenger train, which uses the same bridge, was not properly signalled, and ran into the freight train, shoving it two box cars. Engineer Thomas and the fireman on the passenger engine jumped before reaching the bridge. Thomas was slightly injured. No passengers were hurt.

## COMMITTEES IN SESSION.

ALBANY, Jan. 9.—Although there is plenty of material in the shape of bills for the Legislature to work upon, only three committees sat this afternoon. These were the Senate Finance, Assembly Ways and Means, and Cities Committees. The Senate Committee and the Ways and Means Committee inspected the Capitol and agreed to report to both Houses to-morrow a bill appropriating \$250,000 to continue the work. The Assembly Cities Committee agreed to report Mr. Van Allen's bill introduced to-day prohibiting the tunnelling through of Washington Square Park or Union Square. Mr. Roosevelt brought up his bill giving the next Mayor of New-York absolute power in making appointments, and urged immediate action by the committee. Messrs. Haggerty, Clark and Coffey, vigorously protested against the measure. It was then agreed to give a hearing to the Mayor and Aldermen of New-York, and others interested on January 17, at Albany.

## NEARLY KILLED BY A ROBBER.

EDWIN KELLAND, OF KINGSTON, FOUND BADLY POUNDED WITH A BEER FAUCET.  
KINGSTON, N. Y., Jan. 9.—A bold robbery and brutal attempt to murder was committed in the upper portion of this city sometime during Monday night or early Tuesday morning. The latter is supposed to have been the case. The body of Kelland, who was being conveyed at the usual hour of the afternoon, was found in the street. No person attempted to force an entrance until late in the afternoon. About 4 o'clock L. B. Smith and another person climbed to an upper window, and entered the sleeping room of Edwin Kelland, one of the proprietors. They were horrified to find him lying unconscious, with a frightful wound in his head and other severe bruises. The man seemed to be dying, and was moaning in great agony. Blood was bespattered over the bed and different parts of the room, even on the ceiling; it also covered a large brass faucet that lay on the floor beside the bed. Everything indicated that a desperate struggle had taken place not many hours before. Surgeons were promptly summoned. The skull was found crushed in, one hand was terribly mangled and several other bruises were inflicted. The shop was at once placed under strict surveillance, nothing being allowed to be moved inside and no one to enter.

The motive for the crime was soon found to have been robbery. From a trunk or box belonging to Kelland, had been taken about \$80 in money, a fur hat and coat, a watch and chain and other articles of wearing apparel. Kelland closed his shop at 11 o'clock on Monday night. A watchman who was passing later saw a man come out and walk away. This person is now believed to have been the assailant. Suspicion points to one Charles Crosby as the guilty person. He is a young man who came here two or three months ago and for two months past has been employed at this saloon in a menial capacity. He appeared to be a quiet, ignorant man, though somewhat suspicious. He disappeared on the morning of the tragedy, and has not been seen since. A description of Crosby has been telegraphed to the police in other cities. The fauce, which obviously was the instrument used in the commission of the deed, is an ordinary beer barrel faucet which had been in use about the saloon for some time past, but had been missing for some days previous.

## FROM PRISON TO THE STAGE.

TERESA STURLA COMES TO NEW-YORK TO STUDY FOR THE OPERA.  
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BALTIMORE, Jan. 9.—Teresa Sturla left Baltimore last night for New-York to study for the stage. She does so with the advice of the ladies of Chicago who took such an interest in her during her famous trial for the murder of Charles Stiles. She takes up her quarters at a certain portion of the suburbs, where she will receive instruction in instrumental and vocal music from a competent teacher. Her object is to achieve laurels upon the Italian operatic stage. She possesses the natural advantage of being an Italian and speaking the language fluently. After completing a preliminary course of instruction in New-York, she will go to Italy to finish her education, under the tuition of the masters. She will be gone a couple of years, and expects to return a full-blown prima donna.

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

ALBANY, Jan. 9.—Silas W. Burt, Chief Examiner of the State Civil Service Commission, gives notice that a competitive examination will be held at the office of the Commission in the Capitol on January 24 at 10 a. m., at which applicants for appointments as clerks in the first three classes of messengers, orderlies in public buildings, and guards in State prisons will be tested as to ability.

## THE POPE'S PORTRAIT FOR THE COUNCIL.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 9.—The Pope has the following from Rome: The Pope has presented to Archbishop Gibbons a life-size portrait of himself, for the Catholic Council to be convened in Baltimore in November next, on the ninety-fifth anniversary of the Metropolitan See.

## THE ATLANTA REACHES CHALESTON.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 9.—Jay Gould's yacht, the Atlanta, arrived here from the Delaware at about 3 o'clock this afternoon. George Gould on board, the experienced heavy weather during the passage. She remains here awaiting orders.

## A HERMIT BURNED TO DEATH.

SAMUEL'S DEPOT, Ky., Jan. 9.—Robert Rumber, aged eighty-five, living alone, was found this morning burned to a crisp, his clothing having taken fire during the night. The remains were found lying in front of an old fashioned outhouse.

## BOSTON MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION.

BOSTON, Jan. 9.—At the annual meeting of the Boston Merchants' Association to-day the following officers were elected: Augustus Whittemore, president; C. A. Tolman, first vice-president; Joseph W. Woods, treasurer; R. E. Moore, clerk, and twelve directors.

## KILLED WITHOUT CAUSE.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 9.—H. H. Fairbanks, a highly esteemed railroad machinist, was shot and killed last night near this city, by C. C. Seela, a young man from Wallula, S. C. The murder was wanton and without cause. Seela was arrested.

## SENTENCED FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., Jan. 9.—This afternoon Jacob E. Fiebig was sentenced two years' imprisonment at hard labor in the State prison for the killing of Charles Clayton in Burlington in May last. His counsel will apply for a new trial.

## A CATHOLIC BISHOP APPOINTED.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 9.—Advice received here from Rome confirm the report that Monsignor Dominicus Manney, Vicar-Apostolic of Brownsville, Texas, has been created Bishop of Mobile, Alabama.

## PRESIDENT OF A BOARD OF TRADE.

PROVIDENCE, Jan. 9.—Charles H. Merriman was to-day re-elected president of the Providence Board of Trade.

## KILLED BY A STREET-CAR.

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## A PATENT REISSUE INVALID.

KEOKUK, Iowa, Jan. 9.—Judge McCrary has announced that before March 1 he will enter a final decree in the two hundred cases of the Washington and Moen Manufacturing Company vs. Walter Rhodes and others, which will declare the reissue of the Glidden and Kelly patents invalid.

## SUICIDE OF J. W. DENT.

DAGGETT, Cal., Jan. 9.—J. W. Dent committed suicide at the Alford Mine on Saturday. The deed is ascribed to poverty and sickness. He leaves a widow in straitened circumstances and a family. Mr. Dent belonged to the well-known family of that name.

## THE QUINNICK MILLS SALE.

PROVIDENCE, Jan. 9.—In the United States Circuit Court to-day, argument was heard on the application of Appleton Sturges for an injunction against the auction sale of the Quinnick Mills, advertised for to-morrow at noon. A decision will be given to-morrow morning.

## FAILURE OF A PAPER COMPANY.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 9.—The Chagrin Falls Paper Company, established ten years ago, failed to-day, assets, \$50,000. The liabilities are greater, by how much is not stated. Depression in trade is the cause of the failure.

## FRANK JAMES THOUGHT TO BE DYING.

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Jan. 9.—Frank James's condition is growing worse, very fast, and his friends are about giving up hopes of his recovery.

## CHARGE AGAINST TANNER IGNORED.

CORRY, Penn., Jan. 9.—The Grand Jury of Chantawanna County, N. Y., ignored the charge brought by a Jamestown, N. Y., physician against Dr. Tanner, and the case was thrown out.

## TRUSTEE IN J. B. JOHNSON'S STEAD.

UTICA, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Judge Merwin appointed A. C. Miller, of Utica, trustee of certain funds, this afternoon, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Arthur B. Johnson, who committed suicide a short time ago.

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## A PATENT REISSUE INVALID.

KEOKUK, Iowa, Jan. 9.—Judge McCrary has announced that before March 1 he will enter a final decree in the two hundred cases of the Washington and Moen Manufacturing Company vs. Walter Rhodes and others, which will declare the reissue of the Glidden and Kelly patents invalid.

## SUICIDE OF J. W. DENT.

DAGGETT, Cal., Jan. 9.—J. W. Dent committed suicide at the Alford Mine on Saturday. The deed is ascribed to poverty and sickness. He leaves a widow in straitened circumstances and a family. Mr. Dent belonged to the well-known family of that name.

## THE QUINNICK MILLS SALE.

PROVIDENCE, Jan. 9.—In the United States Circuit Court to-day, argument was heard on the application of